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SUBJECT: PER DIEM RATES FOR OKINAWA PREFECTURE, JAPAN

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1. THIS IS TO ADVISE OFFICE OF ALLOWANCES THAT DURING PAST TWO WEEKS ALL MAJOR HOTELS IN OKINAWA HAVE INCREASED THEIR RATES BY APPROXIMATELY 40 PERCENT. THE INCREASE BECAME EFFECTIVE JUST PRIOR TO OPENING OF THE INTERNATIONAL OCEAN EXPOSITION ON JULY 20 AND THE 40 PERCENT HIKE IS EXPECTED TO CONTINUE AT LEAST UNTIL

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AFTER CLOSE OF THE EXPO ON JANUARY 18, 1976. IT HAS BEEN IMPOSSIBLE BEFORE THIS TO GET SATISFACTORY INFORMATION ON THE PROPOSED CHANGES IN RATES.

2. ON JULY 21 CONGEN SURVEYED TEN HOTELS MOST FREQUENTLY USED BY USG PERSONNEL TRAVELING THROUGH OKINAWA AND FOUND THE AVERAGE ROOM COST TO BE Y8,096 OR US\$27.45 FOR SINGLES AND Y11,760 OR US\$39.85 FOR DOUBLES. THE COST FIGURES INCLUDE 10 PERCENT TAX. (EXCHANGE RATE Y295 TO US \$1.)

3. ADDITIONALLY MOST HOTEL MANAGERS STATE THAT THEIR MEALS WERE ALSO INCREASED BY TEN PERCENT.

4. ACTION REQUESTED: IN VIEW OF THIS SUDDEN AND STEEP INCREASE IN HOTEL RATES AND FOOD COSTS, AN INCREASE IN PER DIEM IS NECESSARY.

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THE CONGEN WILL NOTIFY THE OFFICE OF ALLOWANCES OF ANY FURTHER

CHANGES IN HOTEL RATES, AND REQUESTS ACTION ON THE CHANGE IN PER
DIEM ASAP.
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